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EDITORIALS

A STUDY THREAT TO WORLD ECONOMY

A student of international economy has made a shrewd analysis of reasons for the shortage of dollars in world markets. He has made a long list of raw materials the United States used to buy in the markets of the world but which we now make synthetically. And that means that nations formerly getting dollars from us for the raw materials now find themselves wanting things we manufacture, but short on things to [illegible] sell us so they can pay up.

Two major and typical items on this list were rubber and silk. During the war years we made synthetic rubber and nylon. Now we just do not need the volume purchases of raw rubber and silk. And nation's whose dealings with us depended on swapping rubber and silk for manufuctured goods now do not have the dollars anymore.

The same tthing is true as to optical goods, dyes, and hemp and a vast [illegible] of basic items

It is estimated that up to 94 per cent of goods for the American market are available domestically or can be made synthetically. It is truly the miracle of history that a major nation has reached such a status of self-sufficiency.

The bulk of the world's gold is in our vaults and there is no way other nations can trade with us and maintain their own economy when we don't need their goods.

There are some exceptions to this condition. We still buy coffee, mica, and oil from the Arabian nations.

This situation presents a challenge to world economists. We can produce far beyond our requirements, but it is unsound to build up vast surplusses and thus endanger price structures.

To cite the problem is to "view with alarm." To figure out what to do about it a major responsibility of our times.

THANKSGIVING, 1949

Seldom, indeed, has America come to a Thanksgiving Day with more reason for humility and gratitude. Our great nation has been blessed with peace, security and an amazing standard of living. America is the miracle nation of the 20th century. Our world position is superior to that of any other nation or group of nations.

It is, therefore, fitting that we pause on this Thanksgiving Day and give homage to the Providence that rules the universe.

In so doing, we should remember the basic fundementals of our national heritage. For example, there are four basic rights for which we as Americans should be thankful, and for whose continuance we might well stake our lives:

First, there is the right to be secure and protected in the home and in the possession of property. Pity the land where a man's home is not his castle, and his property his very own possession.

2. And equally as important is the right to freedom of worship his own God in a manner according to the dictates of his conscience.

3. And on a par with these is the right of a free press and freedom of speech. Democracy could not live without a free press.

4. And, fourth, the right of suffrage and a secret ballot. The citizen must cherish and fight for the basic possession of a secret ballot. Distain any who would question this fundemental cornerstone of a free society.

In all the glamour of modern America, may we never surrender these four basic rights. Upon them our great nation was erected.

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AS IT SHOULD BE

(Petersburg Progress-Index)

Announcing tution increases effective next September, with out-of-state students bearing heavier increases than Virginia students, the record of the University of Virginia makes it explicit the explanation is to be found in increased instructional costs and not in any desire to discourage non-Virginians from coming to the University. Increased tuition charges forced by higher costs are understandable, although fortunately the University of Virginia still imposes charges lower than those of comparable institutions, but it is well the announcement should carry the accompanying explanation.

The subject of out-of-state students at the University has been much aired in the press of late. It is indeed an old subject which has been discussed at intervals for many years, the central question being whether Virginia is using tax-payer's money to educate non-Virginians.One economist is able to look at it and conclude that is the case while another of equal qualifications views the same figures and concludes that, other considerations aside, the non-Virginia students at state-supported institutions are financial assets rather than liabiliities. Their presence runs this argument, enables the state to maintain the institutions on the scale which is necessary, not to mention the fact these same institutions have benefitted substancially from non-Virginian philanthropy.

The sentiment of most Virginians seems to be that out-of-state students are very desirable but that they should pay their proper share of the cost of educating them. It is important that the attraction should be good education and not cheap education. The differenetnial favoring Virginia students recognizes the factor of tax support and is observed in the higher tuition charges decided upon. As far as we can appraise the situation, the University authorities are trying neither to lure out-of-state students with giving away rates nor to discourage their attendance, which is as it should be.

LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, BOYS

(Tulsa, Okla. Tribune)

Federal spending for the year ending next July 1 is figured to reach about $42,000,000,000. Sums like that always baffle the imagination, so along comes Northwestern National Life Insurance So. to help us understand what the total means.

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If you don't care even to think about that, look at it another way. It means spending $80,000 a minute every minute for a whole year.

No matter how you go at it, the thing sounds terribly expensive, and we hate to see anyone making it tougher for the national economy to digest.

Union Thanksgiving Day services to be held here tonight in Memorial Methodist Church.

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Thanksgiving

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Nov. 22.- Mr and Mrs. Sam Thornhill and daughter, Laura, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill and daughter, Alice Faye, visited the Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Leitner Monday night.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coleman, and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Martin and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Davidson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds and children, Garland Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson.

Miss Jack Megginson, of Greenville, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Torrence and Mr. and Mrs. Clement and son, of Lynchburg were visitors of Mrs. Elsie Megginson last week-end.

The Vera P.-T. A. met on Nov. 11. The school children gave a program that was enjoyed by all. Room Mothers were elected as follows: [illegible] Carter, Mrs. T. A. Garrett, Mrs. Paul Thornhill, Mrs.Jessie Harvey, Jr., Mrs. Hallie Bryant, Mrs. Mary Ann McFadden and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds.

Sam Gunter, of Roanoke is spending some time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter.

Supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds Sunday night were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scruggs.

Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett this week.

Richwood

Richwood, Nov. 22.- "Justice to your fellowman is not always pleasant either to yourself or to your neighbor." -Quoted.

Services at Wesley Chapel at 3 P. M. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Arrington were in Lynchburg on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Martin and daughter, Mary Lou, and Mr. Lewis were the guests Sunday of Carter's parents.

Travis Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis visited with Miss Estelle Wooldridge Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carey, of Lynchburg were the guests Monday of Floyd Trent.

Jasper Cawthorne, of Lynchburg was the over-night guest Wednesday of Miss Estella Wooldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Paddock, of Nashville, Tennessee, visited a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Brown.

E. P. Snow was in Roanoke on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Arrington were in Lynchburg Saturday.

Mrs. Travis Wooldridge, who was ill last week, is much better at this writing.

Rocks News

Rocks, Nov. 21.- Hunting season opened today.

We were glad to see the large crowd out for preaching Sunday.

Quite a few called in the home of Ernest Lee last week. Several had to sit up with him several nights.

Ernest Lee died at his home on Thursday morning, and was buried in the Rocks cemetery Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Ranson went to Lynchburg last Sunday morning to see Edward Ranson.

The Every Member Canvass drive started at Rocks Sunday. Mrs. Toby Inge is the chairman of this drive. She asked the following to help with it: Glenn Martin, Odelle Ranson, Jim Frank Ranson, Annie C. Martin, Mrs. Robert Roach and Cassie Baldwin.

Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson is suffering with a rising on her arm. She went to Appomattox Friday to have it lanced.

Mrs. John H. Ranson went to Louisville, Ky., recently to attend the funeral of her brother, who was killed in action.

We are sorry to hear that Edward Ranson had to undergo an operation this week. We wish him the best of luck and a speedy recovery.

We are also sorry to hear that Mrs. W. B. Ranson, of Bristol, has to undergo an operation this week. We wish her the best of luck and a speedy recovery.

James Taylor left Saturday for Honaker, Va., where he was called to the bedside of his mother, who is critically ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ranson recently.

Mrs. James Taylor and children were visiting her mother, Mrs. R. C. Baldwin awhile Sunday. Also Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Baldwin called in this same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Seay and Brenda Lee went to Lynchburg Sunday to see her sister, Mrs. Oscar Gallier, who recently underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ranson and Charlene went to Farmville awhile Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. O'Brien are back in the neighborhood for the winter.

Harry Bridge's chief attorney is cited for contempt.

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